

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no \_\_\_

Property Name: McKenzie Log Farmhouse Inventory Number: AL-VI-A-149

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: LaVale Zip Code: 21502

County: Allegany USGS Topographic Map: Cresaptown Quadrangle

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: LaVale Cellular Tower Site Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ Name: N/A Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended X

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None

Is the property located within a historic district? \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ yes Name of district: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed? \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ yes Determined eligible? \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ yes District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

A MIHP Survey form was prepared for this property in 1979. It was revisited in February, 2001 as part of a cellular tower evaluation. The site visit revealed that the house is replaced by a mobile home and most of the outbuildings are gone.

Prepared by: Paula S. Reed, Ph.D.

Date Prepared Feb., 2001

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Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility not recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D	Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None
Comments: <u>Property is gone</u>	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>4/17/01</u>
Reviewer, NR program <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>4/17/01</u>

AL-VI-A-149  
McKenzie Log Farmhouse

In 1828 Jesse McKenzie bought four tracts of land from William Myers for use as farmland. The land was located northwest of what is now Cresaptown which was an agricultural area. This log house was probably built shortly after McKenzie acquired the property. The log portion of the building was covered with weatherboard siding and later obscured by an addition and an enlarged roof. An interesting feature of the farmstead is the stone springhouse near the residence. The estate remained in the McKenzie Family until 1867 when it was sold in an Equity Case. In an advertisement for the sale of the farm it is listed as being "...improved by two good dwelling houses, stables and other out buildings.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

McKenzie Log Farmhouse

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

west of Winchester Road

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Cresaptown

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

☒ STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
☒ ACCESSIBLE  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Marshall Porter

Telephone #: 729-2319

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 5 Box 358

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

☐ VICINITY OF

Maryland 21502, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 226

Folio #: 481

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

Maryland 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

AL-VI-A-102

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

McKenzie Log House is located west of Winchester Road near Cresaptown.

The building originally consisted of a four bays wide log structure. A frame addition was added onto the west or rear of the log structure and the gable roof was replaced. The rectangular building is now two and one-half stories tall and four bays wide. The log portion and the addition have separate coverings of weatherboard siding. It rests on a low stone foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The replaced gable flank roof is covered with asphalt shingles with snowbirds. Eaves consist of a cornice, soffit, and frieze. One brick chimney, originally outside end of the log structure, has been enclosed by the frame addition.

Two entrances located on the eastern facade are of five panels and one light each. One door has a decorative frosted glass window. Pegged sash windows of the original portion of the building are six over six lights with wooden lugsills. Addition windows are one over one light sashes. Basement windows have wooden bars. A two tiered shed roofed porch on the east obscures most of that facade. A wide hip roofed porch, partially enclosed, is on the west.

A small square springhouse of rubble and ashlar stone is near the house. This small outbuilding has a gabled hip roof of wooden shakes.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1828 Jesse McKenzie bought four tracts of land from William Myers for use as farmland. (1) The land was located northwest of what is now Cresaptown which was an agricultural area. (2)

The estate remained in the McKenzie family until 1867 when it was sold in an Equity Case. (3) In an advertisement for the sale of the farm it is listed as being".. improved by two good dwelling houses, stables and other out buildings."(4)

Allegany County in 1835 was reported by a Baltimore paper to posses "hundreds of thousands of acres of the finest land in Maryland".(5) Various types of wheats and vegetables were grown, also apple, cherry and plum orchards were common. (6) The McKenzies were sucessful farmers and their estate also contained an orchard of 150 fruit trees of different kinds.(7)

This log house was probably built shortly after McKenzie acquired the property. The log portion of the building was covered with weatherboard siding and later obscured by an addition and an enlarged roof. An interesting feature of the farmstead is the stone springhouse near the residence. The springhouse, constructed of rubble and ashlar stone, has a steep gabled hip roof of wooden shakes.

- (1) Allegany County Deeds, Liber O Folio 276,277 and 278
- (2) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al., Allegany County, A History (Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Co.) p. 213
- (3) Allegany County Equity Case #1604
- (4) Ibid
- (5) Stegmaier, p. 97
- (6) Ibid
- (7) Allegany County Equity Case #1604

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Stegmaier, Harry Jr. et al. Allegany County, A History, Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Co., 1976

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 304 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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Julie Baker, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION	Allegany County Historic Sites	DATE March 5, 1980
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STREET & NUMBER	3 Pershing Street	TELEPHONE 777-5944
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CITY OR TOWN	Cumberland	STATE Maryland 21502
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

(Significance cont.)

Footnotes

- (1) James W. Thomas and T.J.C. Williams, History of Allegany County (Philadelphia: L.R. Titsworth and Co.) p. 273
- (2) Edward M. Killough, ed. History of the Western Maryland Railway Company (Baltimore: Voluntary Relief Department Press, 1938) p.44
- (3) Ibid, pp. 44-45
- (4) Ibid, p. 46
- (5) T. Allan Comp and Donald Jackson, Bridge Truss Types, National Park Service publication. p. 6
- (6) History of Western Maryland p. 46
- (7) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al., Allegany County, A History (Parsons W. Va.: McClain Printing Co., ) p. 335
- (8) Ibid, p. 357
- (9) Ibid, p. 420

TITLE SEARCH

AL-VI-A-149  
McKenzie Log House

Allegany County Deed: Liber 226, Folio 481  
Grantee: John Marshall Porter and M. Elizabeth Porter  
Grantor: W. Earle Cobey, trustee for John Trescher  
Date: July 9, 1949

Allegany County Deed: Liber 26, Folio 628  
Grantee: John Trescher  
Grantor: Thomas Perry and William W. Price, trustee for  
Equity Case #1604  
Notes: Equity case states, "It is improved by two good  
dwelling houses, stables and other out buildings."  
Date: December 28, 1867  
Consideration: \$2,072.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 0, Folio 276, 277 and 278  
Grantee: Jesse McKenzie  
Grantor: William Myers  
Notes: 3 tracts- Lilly of the Valley, 42 acres, addition  
to Lilly of the Valley 27-3/4 acres, William Oak 92-7/8 acres  
Date: October 11, 1828



INVENTORY NO: 102DATE: 10/9

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REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minorNAME OF PROPERTY: Porter Log House (McKenzie)LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Wally off W of Winchester Rd.DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: EastNAME OF OWNER: Marshall Porter

rubble

~~stone spring house all~~ADDRESS: John M Porter226/481

map 37, 16 ED 29

Addition 60 yrs old

Rt 5 Box 358, Cumberland

STORIES: 1( ) 2(1/2) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4(1) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )WINGS, ADDITIONS: on w. all enclosed to make one block w/ gabled roof. Addition has stone foundationDWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)cedar shake pyramidal roof

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

hipped gable

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
(☒) LOG  
(☒) OTHER: Coverings weatherboard

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others shingles on gable face imbricatedFOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stonerandom rubble large stonesWATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded BrickWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☒) 2/2( ) 6/6(☒) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged(☒) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 2 3x panel 2 horiz one light  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boardstwo tiered porch on E w/ shed roof  
one has waterfall inCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced(☒) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architravefrosted glassROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphaltoriginal( ) replaced(☒)PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip(☒) gable( ) rearCHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick(☒) Stone( ) Corbeled(☒) original(☒) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior(☒)

CHES: Door &amp; Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

was orig. outside of logs  
basement windows  
wooden bars

COMMENTS:

USE:

SIGNIFICANCE:

DATE CONSTRUCTED:

11 NW  
T. 68 N.  
R. 10 E.

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

78°52'30"  
39°37'30"  
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(W. VA.)

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12180000 FEET (W. VA.)

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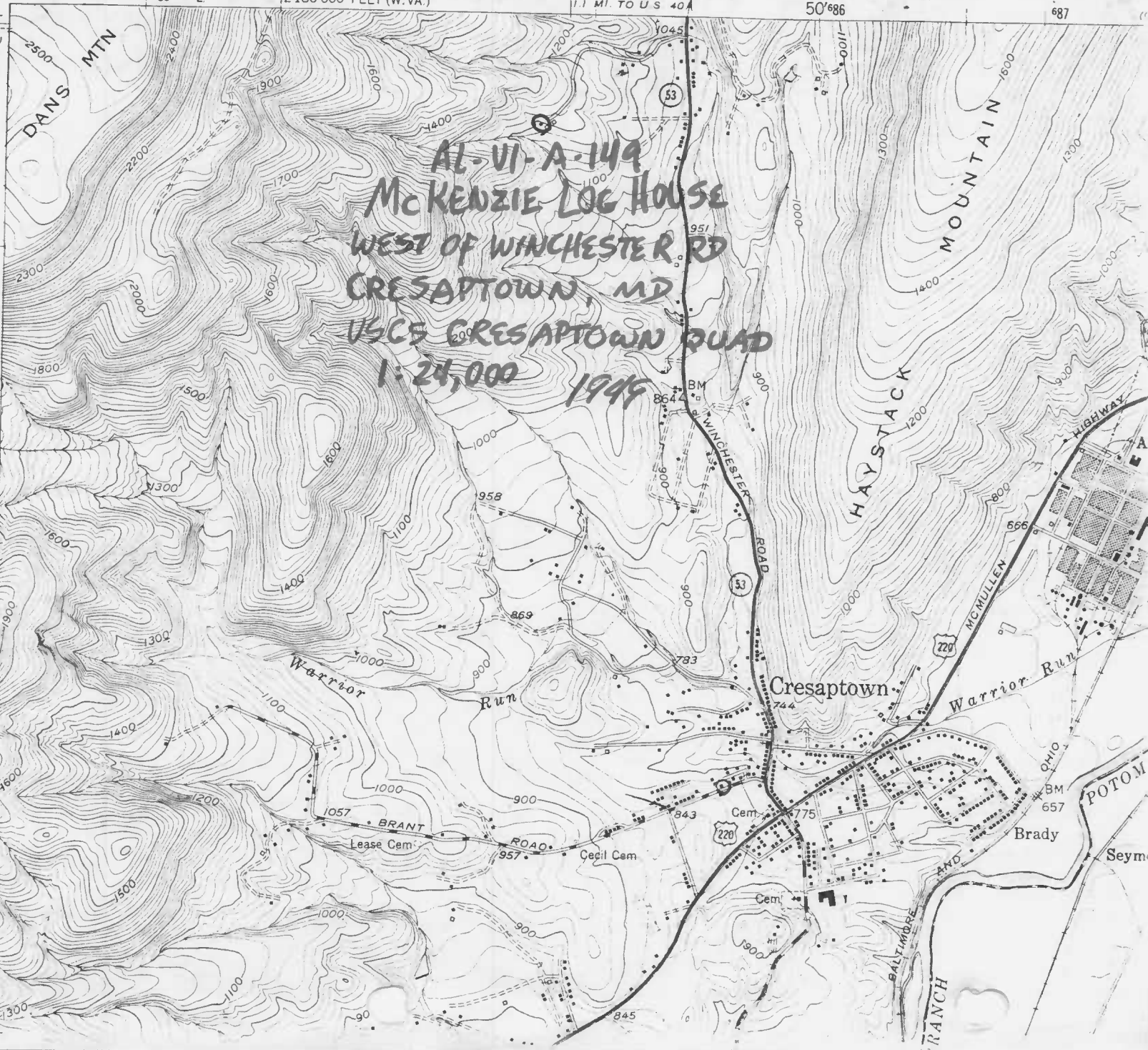
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P. 1000

4387000m N

4386

4384

35'





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Mckenzie Log FARMHOUSE

w. of Winchester Rd., Cresaptown

David A. Dorsey

10/4/78

SouthEast



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McKenzie Log Farmhouse

w. of Winchester Rd, Cresaptown

David A. Dorsey 3/12/80

West



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MCKENZIE LOG FARMHOUSE

WEST OF WINCHESTER RD. CRESAPTOWN

DAVID A. DORSEY

10/4/78

Northwest  
~~Southwest~~





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McKenzie Log Farmhouse - Barn  
W. of Winchester Rd. , Cresaptown

David A. Dorsey 3/12/80

East



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MCKENZIE LOG FARMHOUSE SPRINGHOUSE  
W of Winchester Rd CRESAPTOWN

DAVID A. DORSEY

10/4/78

Southeast



AL. VI-A - 149

McKenzie Log farmhouse-Springhouse  
W. of Winchester Rd, Cresaptown

David A. Dorsey 3/12/80  
northeast